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November 16, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

We are writing to encourage the timely and fair consideration of CenturyLink and Qwest's merger application which is pending before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Communications is an essential component of job creation and economic growth and is critical to our country's competitiveness. It has proven to be able to transform entire industries, develop our education system, and improve the lives of countless Americans. That is why we support partnerships that foster innovation and promote new investment in infrastructure to ensure improved customer access and support to quality communications.

Washington state has roughly 7 million people and spans over 70,000 square miles. This makes it harder for large portions of our state's population living and working in rural areas to access quality communications infrastructure at affordable prices. Expanded communications access across Washington state would not only create economic opportunities and help to facilitate continued economic viability, but also make our state a safer, better educated, and more productive place to live.

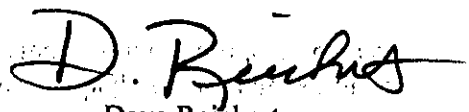
Qwest and CenturyLink have a long and successful history of providing reliable and advanced communications services in the State of Washington. We believe that the combined operations, knowledge, and financial resources of these two companies will serve the needs of individuals, businesses, health care providers, educational systems, and other community sectors in our state.

Thank you for keeping the needs of Washington state in mind as the Commission considers this merger.

Sincerely,



Doc Hastings  
Member of Congress



Dave Reichert  
Member of Congress



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

November 29, 2010

The Honorable Richard (Doc) Hastings  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1203 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Hastings:

Thank you for your letter supporting the proposed transfer of control between CenturyLink and Qwest. I value your perspective on the potential benefits of this transaction and I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Many of the issues associated with this transaction – investment in broadband infrastructure, extending broadband to rural areas, and job creation – are among my highest priorities as Chairman. The Commission takes seriously its evaluation of transfer of control applications; and you can be assured that it will consider these issues as part of its careful and deliberate review of this proposed transfer.

Your letter will be included in the record of this proceeding. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Julius Genachowski



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